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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Gary Abud, 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

- Worked with Grosse Pointe Public Schools K-12 teachers regularly on technology integration, project-based learning, instructional strategies, and standards-based grading.
- Attended the Network of Michigan Educators Banquet and Conference.
- Gave the Michigan Teacher of the Year address at the Network of Michigan Educators Banquet.
- Led a Next Generation Science Standards workshop for chemistry teachers at the Detroit Zoo.
- Attended the Discovery Education Common Core Leadership Academy.
- Worked with middle school and high school teachers in Oxford on Common Core teaching strategies.
- Visited TechSmith Corporation to learn about education projects they are releasing for screen-casting and provided classroom teacher insight for their development team.
- Participated in the 38th Annual Santa Claus Parade in Grosse Pointe.
- Gave a presentation to the Grosse Pointe School Board on the state of instructional coaching in the district.
- Led a training for Lincoln Park High School teachers on standards-based grading.
- Was awarded a technology grant from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for \$3300 to provide iPads and Apple TVs to two middle schools and two high schools in Grosse Pointe.
- Presented to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club on educational technology.
- Led the quarterly meeting of the Detroit Metro Area Physics Teachers Association at Romeo High School.
- Moderated the statewide Teacher Leadership Challenge on my website and blog for Michigan teachers to connect and share ideas about education.

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